

Hello everyone! In the autumn the Group has been very active with a return to normal meetings

Beavers Birch and Maple - A very warm welcome to our new Beaver Leaders who have settled in really well. Beaver activities covered the My Skills Challenge, Builder, Cook and Creative Badges. Lots of fun and games for the beavers and their leaders. Thanks to parents for their support with activities at home.

Cubs Kingfishers -The main autumn event was the sleepover at scoutbase when the cubs visited Ninja Warrior. It was brilliant! Kingfishers have completed a wide range of badges with fun activities.

Cubs Kestrels - Cubs completed their Our World and Global Issues Badges. As part of this the cubs held a Funfair and raised money for Water Aid. We also collected, washed and dried crisp packets. They were sent to make insulation for sleeping bags for the homeless. A magnificent effort with one cub organising a collection at school and others collecting from family and friends,.

Scouts -The troop carried out a series of meetings for the World, Skills and Creative challenge awards. We have run a number of hikes, notably in November to the Spitfire memorial on Caerphilly mountain, and just after Christmas, when we explored Sully Island - the tides were just right for the causeway to be open - which none of the scouts had ever visited. The main event of the term was a camp at scoutbase in October. The scouts who attended did a 6 mile hike from Sully to Dinas Powys, played wide games, and did rifle shooting, crate stacking & scout cars.

Explorers - Phoenix took 26 Explorers to London in November, who competed in teams to find and take photos at as many locations from the Monopoly board as possible. A long day but great fun!

Fundraising

As regulations ease, we are hoping to run a fund raising event in the form of an

Easter Egg hunt & family fun activity

Sunday 10th April 2.30 to 4.30 pm

at scoutbase. It will take the form of a walk in the fields & park, answering questions about different locations and then an Easter egg hunt at scoutbase. Entry is £3 per head including tea/coffee /squash & biscuits & crème eggs for children . Please book with section leaders or online

The Fete

We are hoping to be able to run a fete at scoutbase this year in June/July. Watch this space for further details

Group AGM

Our Group AGM is held in the springtime each year when we review the previous year 2021 -22 and present the annual accounts. This year we are holding an online Zoom AGM. Date is:

8.00pm Thursday 5th May

If anyone wishes to attend please contact the GSL for the section reports, accounts and meeting link in advance

New Joiners. There is a waiting list for Beavers for children under the age of 6.

We do get a very large number of enquiries for older children. These are very hard to accommodate as the other sections are usually full - occasionally someone moves away or can no longer attend and we can fit them in. However, it is a matter of luck. If friends ask, please make the situation clear to them - there is no guarantee of a space. Marilyn holds the reserve list. Please check with Rex or Marilyn before giving contact details out.

Buying Beaver, Cub or Scout uniform - you can order on line from Cardiff Area scout shop and they will then deliver. scoutshoponline@cardiffandvalescouts.org.uk

Census-Despite the difficulties of holding face to face meetings, we recorded 137 young people at our January census - Absolutely amazing! Last year we had 127. Considering that the Cardiff Area numbers are down by about a third we have done very well. Thank you for your continued support.

Amazon Smile - the Group has signed up to Amazon Smile - if you make online purchases via Amazon please sign up, if you aren't supporting another organisation. A small % of your payment is transferred to the Group - at no extra cost to yourself!

Ex scout success. If you watch channel 4 the 'great pottery throw down' on Sunday evenings, Cellan is an ex scout! He won potter of the week with a ceramic wall clock based on the tents we use when we camp- it was really good!